Restoration of Tanks in Shimoga District.

Q.—43. **Mr. J. SIVARUDRAPPA** (Honnali Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of major and minor tanks in the Shimoga District;

(*b*) of these, how many are restored and how many are unrestored (the yearwar programme chalked out for restoring these unrestored tanks may be intimated)?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).**—

(*a*) Six hundred and six major and 7,419 minor tanks.

(*b*) Five hundred and sixty-three major and 539 minor tanks are restored to end of 1938-39. Forty three major and 6,880 minor tanks still remain to be restored (*vide* Triennial Programme of restoration of major and minor tanks issued with G.O. No. P.W 3512-37—S., dated 28th April 1939).

Mr. J. SIVARUDRAPPA.—Will not the non-restoration of as many as 6,880 minor tanks mean considerable hardship to thousands of raiyats?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—May be. But restoration works can be taken up only gradually according to a programme.

Mr. J. SIVARUDRAPPA.—Will it not be possible to include a larger number of minor tanks in the programme now prepared?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We should only be too glad to do it, but it depends on the grant available.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHY ACHAR.—How long will it take to restore all of them?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—I cannot say.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—The provision made in the programme for restoration of minor tanks is very small and the number proposed to be restored works out at a very negligible percentage of the total number of tanks awaiting restoration. Why not therefore allot more money and restore a larger number of tanks in each year?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We shall have to consider the possibilities.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—There are two tanks in Krishnarajpet Taluk known as Bechirak Bachahalli tank and Silanare tank. Though the raiyats have executed the necessary *mutchalikas* in respect of their restoration, these works have not been included in the triennial programme. May I know the reason?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—I shall find it out.

Holidays for Government Offices.

Q.—49. **Mr. A. MIDDLETON** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of full holidays enjoyed by the staff in Government offices per annum;

(*b*) the total number of partial holidays per annum;

(*c*) the total number of hours worked by the above staff per day?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao).**—

(*a*) The total number of general holidays is 26 in addition to Sundays and Penultimate Saturdays.

(*b*) Mahomedan ... 9 days.
Christian ... 7 „
Hindu ... 5 „

(*c*) 6 hours.

Mr. A. MIDDLETON.—Has it come to notice that even though the Taluk and District Offices are supposed to open at 11 A. M. for work, barely any official turns up in time and treasury transactions do not actually begin before 12 NOON?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—No.

Mr. A. MIDDLETON.—On partial holidays, no offical will be available to facilitate transactions in the treasury. In the Kadur District sometimes, not knowing which are all partial holidays, we send moneys for remittance to the treasury, from very long distances, but the messengers come back saying that it is a partial holiday and the treasury is closed. May I suggest that on